

Middle Canyon Land Use Advisory Committee

Minutes from February 25th, 2020 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Sharon Demeester (term exp.12/2021)

Terry Divoky (term exp. 12/2020)

Larry Parsons (term exp. 12/2022)

Mark Mussman- Director Flathead County Planning and Zoning

Minutes from November Committee Meeting were approved

Introductions: Committee Chair Terry Divoky introduced the Committee, County Planning Folks Mark Mussman-CFM, and Erin Appelt Planner I on Hunters Lair. Terry also introduced presenters Nathan Lucke from 406 Engineering, and Terry Kramer from Kramer Enterprises who will oversee the engineering and construction of Hunters Lair LLC Hotel, Bar, and Restaurant project.

Old Business:

- **Employee Housing:**

After community discussion **"A motion was made and accepted for Planning and Zoning to extend the Employee Housing comment period until March 31st, and that Planning and Zonings final proposal of Revised Amendments and Performance Standards be presented at the April 28th MCLUAC meeting.**

- **Whistle Stop:**

A motion was made and accepted to request that Mark Mussman, Director of County Planning and Zoning, to once more carry the message to the Commissioners Consideration Meeting 2/26/2020 that the MCLUAC Committee and the unanimous majority of residents oppose the Whistle Stop's Master Plan request.

New Business:

- **Hunters Lair Major Land Use Application:** Erin Appelt, "Planner I" from Planning and Zoning presented the Summary review of the Application known as File # FCMU-20-01. In that the Applicants have met the performance standards of CALURS and Flathead County Zoning Recommendations, and addressed to satisfaction already received public comment, Ms. Appelt stated that Planning and Zoning would recommend approval to the Planning Board and Commissioners. This was followed by a presentation, statements, and fielding questions from the committee and audience from the representatives of 406 Engineering and Kramer Enterprises. As there was no public opposition to the project **a motion was made and accepted to recommend approval of the Hunters Lair LLC's Major Land Use Application.**

Other Business:

A late new Agenda Item was brought forth on correspondence received by Flathead County Planning and Zoning. The department had received letters of opposition and in support of Sharon Demeester maintaining her appointed position on the Committee. The primary basis of opposition was that she did not qualify under MCLUAC By-Laws. After public discussion Director Mussman stated this was to be the responsibility of the Committee to address and deal with. There was community discussion and ultimately the Committee declined to move on the issue.

The group believed and passed on to Mark Mussman if there was to be action taken it was the County's responsibility to consider the application of the By-Laws, but also consider the opposition and support of her maintaining her position which expires 12/2021.

- **RTCA:** Mary T. McClelland reported on last month's activities on the West Glacier Community Vision Project. This is part of a national program named RTCA. (NPS. Rivers, Trails, Conservation, Assistance Program) More information can be obtained and public input given to by visiting <http://westglacier.mindmixer.com>
- **(WGCPA) West Glacier Community Preservation Association Board (WGCPA)**
Board position holder Jill Rocksund gave a summary explanation of how the group was formed when Citizens for a Better Flathead disbanded. The group is active and this Committee applauded the group for its emailed newsletter that provides a one more way to share our Meeting Agenda's and Minutes. The email newsletters have also included links to the county's sites on Major Land Use applications and other news impacting the West Glacier Area. Jill announced there are currently 2 board positions open. For more information visit <https://westglaciercpa.wordpress.com/>
- **Glacier View 4H Club**, represented by Dianne Gannon, Patten Grode, Patience Bain shared their crosswalk safety projects and requested guidance on installing signs and posts on the highway corridor. They are also in communication with the Coram/West Glacier Fire Department and were encourage to contact the Gateway to Glacier bike and pedestrian trail group.

Next Meeting: It was announced that the next public meeting of the Committee will be April 28, 2020. The Agenda for that meeting will be made available by April 20th. The location of the meeting has not yet been determined. You may check the West Glacier Post Office Board for an update or contact <https://westglaciercpa.wordpress.com/> to be put on their mailing list.

Attendance Note: We had 30 residents/business owners/planners, presenters, and media representatives! The MCLUAC Committee thanks you for your participation and contributions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.